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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 3, line 58, the word "230" should read -- 130 --;

Column 4, line 2, the word "tan" should read -- than --;

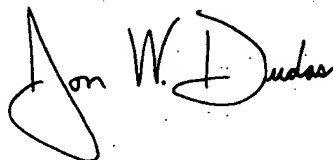Column 4, line 6, the word "wards" should read -- words --;

Column 6, line 23, the equation " $\Sigma(x, u) = \min\{d(x, y) : y \in u\}.$ " should read

-- $\xi(x, u) = \min\{d(x, y) : y \in u\}.$ --;

Column 6, line 33, the equation " $\lambda(u, v) = \max\{\Sigma(x, v) : x \in u\}.$ " should read

-- $\lambda(u, v) = \max\{\xi(x, v) : x \in u\}.$ --;

Column 6, line 39, the equation " $0 < h(u, v) < \infty$ for all $u, v, \in \mathcal{H}(S), u \neq v,$ "

should read -- $0 < h(u, v) < \infty$ for all $u, v \in \mathcal{H}(S), u \neq v,$ --.

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